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FOREIGN.

Virtual Enslavement of the Chinese Population of Cuba.

Particulars of the Arrest and Conviction of Dr. Howard at Havana.

France.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A telegram, officialice, Friday night, 29th, received in this city this morning, states that the frigate Wabash, was entering Ville France, harbor at the moment the despatch was forwarded from Italy. The vessel was burning a signal light which indicated her identity. General Sherman was probably not on board, as he intended to land and remain for a time at Cadiz.

Mexico.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Advices from the City of Mexico are to December 7th, and Acapulco to the 23d are received. The government of Mexico is holding the revolutionists of Nuevo Leon in check, using the whole available force to crush the Diaz revolt in Oaxaca, the first of several small engagements resulting in Diaz being compelled to abandon the open field or retreat to the city of Oaxaca. They were pursued by the Federal troops under Generals Alatore, Rocha, and Tiburcio.

The troops sent by Diaz invaded Guerrero under Jimines, and were routed by General Arce at Quesipec, and driven back to Oaxaca, with loss.

Guerrero and all the western coast, with the exception of Oaxaca and the port of Mazatlan, is in quiet possession of the federal authorities.

MATAMORAS, MEX., Dec. 9.—The Revolutionists, under Quiroga, entered Mier this morning. The government forces have fallen back to Camargo without resisting.

The town of Tulo has pronounced for the Revolutionists. This pronunciamento closes all communication with the Government forces between Tampico and San Luis.

Canales has been nominated for Governor of the State of Tamaulipas. He is now organizing the National Guards to defend the State.

West Indies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Herald's correspondent writing from Havana, 29 inst., says, Valmaseda, Captain-General of Cuba, has just discovered a perfect conspiracy on the part of the Chinese population of the Island of Cuba, numbering some 25,000 souls. The decree orders the 10,000 coolies belonging to certain planters, under the tutelage of government agents, and to be worked in government workshops, receiving for their labor only four dollars per month, and ordering that, according to the terms of their original contract, shall be reindentured on the expiration of their terms or be sent to jail.

The weather has been cold, with hail thick. There is not much snow on the ground, but enough to make good sledding. Stock of all kinds is generally doing well, though, in consequence, abortions begin to prevail.

INDIANA.

Organization of State Institutions Inaugurated Yesterday.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 31.—The annual meeting of the State Board of Agriculture meets on

State Teachers' Association adjourned on ; after electing the following officers: A. Bell, Indianapolis; Vice Pres- M. Merrill, Lafayette, and Joseph W. H. Byers, Greencastle; Mrs. S. D. Lawrenceburg; Sheridan Cox, Logans- Cooper, Winchester; Secretary, King, Terre Haute, Treasurer, Attorney, Mooresville, Executive Committee: A. Shortridge, Indianapolis; J. K. Ekhart; Wm. P. Phelps, Laporte; Mary Terre Haute; Clara J. Armstrong, Is- Merrill, Lafayette, and Joseph Executive

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son named Homas Victor was found dead d this morning.

MICHIGAN.

Injury of Bodies from the Ruins of the Brook Fire—Losses and Insurance.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, Dec. 31.—Four bodies have been found in the basement of Stearns' store, the fourth one of which is that of a young man named Goyer, who was employed as an order clerk. One body was identified as that of McSmears. The other three were so charred as to be unrecognized by the friends who called to see them. It is now supposed that the bodies of Lyons and Goyer were almost entirely consumed by the heat in the explosion which occurred in the basement, and that the remains of the other two were thrown into the furnace. Search is now being made for the remains in the ruins. The loss on stock, and puts its liability at $100,000, which is covered almost entirely by insurance.

PACIFIC COAST.

San Francisco Judge Fined for Assault—Mysterious Disappearance—Smuggler Arrested—The Mails—A Colored Woman Murdered by Gustavus.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Judge Lake, of the Criminal Court, pleaded guilty to-day to an information charging him with assault with a deadly weapon, preferred by Charles D. Young, of the *Chronicle*. Judge Lake was fined $100 and costs.

Thomas Brown, clerk of the Secretary of State, and Edward Hall, both steady young men, have disappeared from Sacramento, under circumstances leading to the belief that they have been murdered.

Robbery of the stage in Sonoma County, which, it is traced to a digger Indian boy, is believed by many to have been a scheme by which a farmer will get a reward and the express box by way of conjecture, but is without foundation. The difficulties that have lately arisen between the United States and Spain, with regard to the Virginius matter, have been satisfactorily withdrawn as soon as possible from affairs of threaten to assume a black and stormy aspect. Everything now in this city of interest is centered in the approaching trial of Dr. Howard, charged with the murder of Dr. McSmears. The mysterious disappearance of this morning has a mysterious bearing in relation to the effect that it has been discovered that the foremost leaders in revenue and tariff reform has received a package of gold from the foreign mails. These whom are known as the facts that this blood-for-blood attempt will be made to bring them out before the Congress meets, with a view to embarrassing the gentlemen at whom they are aimed.

(To the Associated Press.)

TREASURY PROGRAMME FOR JANUARY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The Secretary of the Treasury has authorized the Assistant Treasurer at New York to sell one million of gold on the second and fourth Thursday, and to purchase one million of bonds on the first and third Thursday, for the month of January.

Georgia Politics.

Judge Lochrane, late Chief Justice of Georgia, one of the most prominent of Southern Democrats, has written a letter to the New York Herald, published yesterday, in which he says the administration will interfere in the Gubernatorial affairs of Georgia in favor of the Governor-elect. Governor Brown, for the sake, there will be no contest between him and the Governor-elect concerning it.

SECRETARY FISH.

The New York, Herald's Washington paper says Secretary Fish's resignation is "talk of the town, with a more tangible shape than ever. In fact, the Secretary's resignation, or lack of it, is regarded by many as a matter of conjecture, but is considered a fixture. The difficulties that have lately arisen between the United States and Spain, with regard to the Virginius matter, have been satisfactorily withdrawn as soon as possible from affairs of threaten to assume a black and stormy aspect. Everything now in this city of interest is centered in the approaching trial of Dr. Howard, charged with the murder of Dr. McSmears. The mysterious disappearance of this morning has a mysterious bearing in relation to the effect that it has been discovered that the foremost leaders in revenue and tariff reform has received a package of gold from the foreign mails. These whom are known as the facts that this blood-for-blood attempt will be made to bring them out before the Congress meets, with a view to embarrassing the gentlemen at whom they are aimed.

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OUR DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

How the Grand Duke and Suite Spent the Sabbath.

Alexis Views the Ruins from His Window, on Foot, and in a Carriage.

The Imperial Party Prevailed Upon to Chase the Wild Buffalo Over the Plain.

Programme for To-Day--A Russian Reminiscence.

The weather yesterday, was exceedingly inauspicious. The clouds lowered, and, although it was not tempestuous, the elements could not well have been more adverse to comfort. The lake was veiled in fog, and the misty shroud hung low over the streets of the city, making all objects look sunken, gloomy, and forbidding. Such a fog and such mud have rarely been seen on the outside of London. The thoroughfares were a most impassable. Wherever locomotion was attempted, it was with fear and trembling, and the momentary expectation of being engulfed, and having one's valuable life suddenly terminated, and one's prospective usefulness blotted out forever. People went to church, some waded the streets and stood on the corners some, but stayed at home a great deal more. It was a good day for staying at home, trotting at the mother-in-law of one's self, trimming the ears of the domestic setter, and cultivating the family virtues generally. This programme was duly carried out by those to whom it was not impossible. Not so with the peripatetic journalists. They had to look after the action of an imperial house instead of their own chips of plebeian blood, and take up arms against their daily sea of troubles. We join this passing tribute to their virtues, for the coward of the just, the good, the virtuous, the wise, the temperate, the persevering, the refined, the intellectual is seldom these, although they deserve it much.

The information that His Imperial Highness was in the city was generally disseminated. Few were ignorant of it, and those were wilfully ignorant, through fear of being suspected of snobbery. Snobbery is a dreadful thing, and the snob is a domestic and social animal which should rarely be allowed outside the gilded bars of his fashionable cage, unless in charge of a keeper. But one may hazard the opinion that snobs, per se, are not so numerous as they were before the fire, and, therefore, the danger to the pleb from contact with the same is wonderfully diminished--in fact, almost entirely removed. Having hazarded this opinion, one may venture to give some detailed account of the manner in which Alexis passed his first and only Sunday in Chicago. It is quite certain that no snobbish--if such there are--will object to what may be written openly, and persons of sarcastic tendencies will put the paper in some private receptacle, to be drawn forth and read secretly.

THE CHURCHES.

where any of the Imperial suite were expected to be present, were painfully crowded. But there are a good many churches in Chicago, and no matter how minutely the party was subdivided, there were not enough to go round. Besides, the desire to attend Russian Church in order that upon Divine service did not seem to be excessive. The streets of Chicago were not in a condition to tempt persons of aristocratic bearings out of doors. The carriage of Bishop Whitehouse, driven by a servant in livery, sailed for the Trinity Church at 10 a. m., to take all who wished to avail themselves of the privilege to the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul. The benign Bachin, Minister of State, and M. Bodisco, Consul General, alone accepted the invitation, and these gentlemen were quickly bowed away to the corner of Peoria and Washington streets.

THE CATHEDRAL

looked unusually handsome, decked in its holiday attire of evergreens, which were arranged with great taste, and fine effect. The exercises were the customary choral High Church service, the Bishop officiating. The music was a little more sensational, in tribute to the occasion, than it were. The usual selections of the day were re.

The sermon was given with great unction and power. The beautiful auditorium was crowded, not entirely, it is to be feared, through piety. It is to be feared that some of the snobs, those terrible infants of the agrarians, had somehowsgained admission to the holy fane. There was a rustling of silks and satins, and the dissemination of faint perfumes, as the delegation of ancient Muscovite nobility drew aside, and the lions of the day was sung, many lasting glances were turned from the missals bound in velvet and gold-to-gether with the prayer-books bound in calf. Before the service was whirled back to the hotel, in company with M. Semmoff, the Michigan Central Railroad, who had accompanied them.

HOW ALEXIS PASSED THE MORNING.

There are people in whom the religious element is strongly developed, but who attend church much less frequently than they do. They are good weekday Christians, and not unduly given to formality on Sunday. It is expected that Alexis belongs to this class. The fact that he is a young man has very generally transpired. It is also rumored that he very much objects to the antique methods of the Greek Church. The readers of THE TRIBUNE are of course aware that there is no Greek Church in Chicago. The religious element is strong in Alexis, but not strong enough to take him to an alien church unless he wants to be married officially stated that he is not a fair-weather Christian, although circumstances might lead some to that belief. He stays at home on the sacred edition--at her usually conscientious grounds.

But he had been instructed by his imperial mamma, when he was younger than he is now--although he is still juvenile--to read the Bible on Sundays, when circumstances would not permit him to go to meeting; therefore, when left to himself after coffee, he drew from the place where he finds it Bible, sweet to the taste, morocco, and otherwise adorned to correspond, and a missal of the Greek faith got up in similar style, and, with the blue eyes of their parent with great fervor and perseverance. The best educated man in Chicago could not have read more, or more musical than those who had the honor to hear the Russian, in the querest typography. He would have passed a quiet afternoon occasionally by reading Longfellow's poems, but he could not find the volume. It had been stolen, by a friend, no doubt. He, however, after much found a copy of Southey's poems and amused himself by reading the "Retreat from Moscow" over and over unconsciously, finding an infinite fund of amusement in the names that end in "off," "offsky," "itch," and "ouski," into a long gulf when he perused the last lines--

And last of all an Admiral came,
A terrible man with lightning face,
A soul gigantic like a flame;
Bold Tchitchagoff is his name.
But where he on one rock set foot,
Another rock arose up not.

How is that, Possart?" said he to his admiral. He found upon Possart was not there leaving some with the Rev. J. F. Eastmon to look for a certain Mrs. Partridge, whose dwelling all had not been destroyed during the conflagration, and were last sweet having all of them been on the Russian and American returned, distinguished themselves by their appetites. This commenced spending the Sabbath many seem in clothes, but it was not conscientiousness that was the Puritanic habits of Chicago. When the Duke spoke flagrad, His Imperial Highness took a long and tense look over that happy, cheerful, enlivening r... known as the burnt district.

A LITTLE EXERCISE.

At 11 o'clock the Grand Duke informed his attendants that a walk would add to their appetites, preparations were speedily made, and he sallied forth accompanied by two of his suite, running the gauntlet of the guests at the house, and solicitous hotel-hunters who had got themselves up in their clothes, and had donned the distinguished formal suffrage, and passed along the side of the stage way hall and entrance. He turned his imperial foot first toward the burnt district, and walked along Monroe street. That desolate region was a bottomless sea of mud and filth. He stood for a while on the corner of Franklin, and then turned into Wells street, followed by the trail of the faithful, who feared to launch away. A brief conference was held in the hall, and it was decided that it was intolerable and unpractical Russia. The result of the discussion was that the party turned and went southward again, leaving in his wake, one by one, as the royal itinerants progressed, the hearts of the nice young men of the party, who cannot dress as well as they could before the fire, to know that the attire of His Imperial Highness is not entirely ready-made, and not unfashionable.

The tide of notables returned to the hostelry at the corner of Lake and Wells streets, and the Duke, and respected many questionable localities, regardless of little rain-bows bearing the name of Wells and Lake. On ascending the steps to the step, through the hall, and up the stairs to his rooms, although a few select lines of people, some of them shabby, and some of them dirty, were allowed to pass, the Duke did not stare at her for fear of the infection which might be wafted from the aristocratic nostrils. He passed when he reached the door of his room, where his wife informed him that breakfast--at least as soon as he had finished his--was on the table. The party were all in their seats in the dining room, and Alexis took his seat at the table, his suite arranging themselves opposite side with dear friend, to look at him.

A RUSSIAN REMINISCENCE.

Now that our readers have become so well acquainted with the personal history of the Russian Grand Duke, they will appreciate the beauties of the following poem, by Southey, which is a London imitation of Scott's after the disastrous retreat of the First Napoleon from Moscow:

THE MARCH TO MOSCOW

Napoleon to the Russian Campaign.
A second grand excursion to Moscow!
The Brits were never in a better way!
What a pleasant excursion to Moscow!

Four hundred thousand men and more,
Eight to be Moscow's graves and Dukes by the score,
There were!
Princes a few, and Kings one or two,
While the fields were green and the sky so blue,
And so he got to Moscow.

What a pleasant excursion to Moscow!

There was Junot and Augereau,
Bagration and Murat,
Ney and Davoust and Beauharnais, Kutusoff and Barclay,
Platoff and Poniatowski, Bessieres and Bernadotte,
Soult and Schwartzenberg, Victor and Valmy,
Latour Maubourg and Lefebvre, Oudinot and Moncey,
Bonaparte and Borodino,
And all the others that end in "o" and "ey,"
And all the others that end in "ow" and "ay,"
And all the others that end in "ski,"
And all the others that end in "itch,"
And all the others that end in "ouski,"
And all the others that end in "offsky,"
And all the others that end in "ouski,"
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PARIS.

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...ment on the Subject of ...rm of Government.

...abilities in Favor of Some ...kind of a Republic.

...ms of Education, Free Trade, ...Army Reorganization,

...speakers. ...dance, Nov. 27. ...ssed in our ...last fifteen ...unable to ...to war. ...d your ...that ...believe ...begot ...ssed

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That is the way public opinion is turning. The government, it is said, favors the military, and has prepared a plan which will soon be presented to the Assembly. When it comes to deciding whether this education shall be secular, it is likely that, notwithstanding the opposition of the Ultra-Republicans, parents will be left free to hand over their children to the priests or to the secular schools.

FREE-TRADE OR PROTECTION.

Another very serious question is that of free trade. Will the laws of the empire on this subject be kept in force or repealed? It is unknown. The free-trade party is very powerful and very numerous, and has for it, I think, logic and the future. But the protectionists have Thiers, Pouyer-Quertier, the all-powerful Minister of Finances, and many manufacturers, who are greatly excited. The contest will be animated. I have an idea, though I may be mistaken, that it will end in a compromise, and for this reason:

The two chief leaders of the protectionists [illegible] Thiers and Pouyer-Quertier—have mollified somewhat since they went into office. Their denunciations of free trade, during the empire, were, to a great extent, mere strategy. They gained friends and admirers—from all the small manufacturing interests, which were too weak or too ignorant to endure foreign competition. To-day, the parts are changed. Thiers and his associate are no longer in the opposition, but in office; and they will look twice before they overthrow a system which, sooner or later, will have a numerous backing; for, individually, I have always been unable to understand why, to help a dealer in sugar or cloth, I should pay for those articles twice what they cost in Leeds or Geneva. Therefore, I think they will preserve free trade for many things, but will put duties on some; so as to be consistent, to satisfy the protectionists, and to give something which was created by the empire, and which, I think, was the best thing it ever did for the real interests and the commercial future of France.

ARMY REORGANIZATION.

The third great question is the reorganization of the army—a difficult and complex one, where many details, as well as principles, have to be decided on, arising from new national necessities and our freedom.

The government, which, at the outset, would not endure the idea of compulsory service, has at last accepted it, on account of the general desire of the country. A person is liable to military duty from his 20th to his 45th year; in the active army until he is 25; in the mobile, or militia, till he is 35; and, in the reserve, till he is 45. The annual estimates for the army have risen from 350,000,000 to 450,000,000 francs. In two years from NOW, if God pleases, our forces will be reorganized; and it is said that we have now 800,000 men, able to take the field. If, in addition, we are wise, prudent, and aggressive, patient, but ready and decided, we will not have to run the risks of a new war to regain peace and honor at home and abroad. The future belongs but to God, but the sage said, "Help yourself and God will help you."

EMILE CARREY.

NEW YORK.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BANK STATEMENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The bank statement today was favorable, the net reserve having run up to $605,640.

MONEY.

Money was decidedly easier, owing to the anxiety of leaders not to carry over for three days unemployed balances. The rates were 7 per cent currency to 7 per cent gold on call, and 1-32 for turning stocks.

GOLD

was firm at 109@109¼. On loans the rates were for carrying 1-16, 3-64, 1-32, 7 per cent gold, flat, and 4½ and 5 per cent. The specie shipments for the week were $140,606.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

continue very strong, and the highest prices prevail at the close. Central Pacific bonds were strong and higher, closing at 105½ to 105¾; Unions were firm at 94 for 6's, and 87½ to 90 for land grants, and 81½ to 83½ for incomes; 99½ to 99¾ for stock.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

was dull and nominal.

THE STOCK MARKET,

although dull, was strong, and the best prices of the week were in some places made. The feature was Union Pacific, Western Union, Lake Shore, and Northwestern common.

The suspension of E. S. Fitch was officially announced at the Stock Exchange to-day. He was the broker who sold from 10,000 to 15,000 shares of Wabash at 70½ to 71 yesterday. He defaulted on his deliveries to-day. Had he succeeded in breaking the market he would have realized handsomely. There was a great deal of feeling against him exhibited on the Exchange, as the transaction is regarded as discreditable.

BREADSTUFFS.

The low grades of flour were less freely offered, and were firmer, with more inquiry. Superfine was in demand. Wheat, under favorable Liverpool advices, was firmer, with more milling demand. Corn opened quite strong, but closed tame at yesterday's prices. Shippers held off.

HOLIDAY.

The Gold, Stock, and Produce Exchanges will not resume business again until Tuesday, New Year's Day being a legal holiday in this State.

[To the Associated Press.]

FUNERAL OF HACKETT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The funeral of James H. Hackett, the veteran actor, held to-day at Jamaica, L. I., was attended by a large number of prominent citizens from this city.

STREET CLEANING FRAUDS.

At a meeting of the Street Cleaning Commissioners this afternoon, a report was presented showing that certain streets have not been cleaned, and it was moved that bills for such work signed to have been performed be not paid. No definite action was taken.

THE ALDERMANIC IMBROGLIO.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen elected in November, to-day, ordered from Judge Brady, of the Supreme Court, a writ prohibiting the Mayor from re-appointing or recognizing the Board of Aldermen. A similar writ was obtained in respect to the Boards of Assistant Aldermen. By a law passed by the Legislature last winter, a new board, which is principally Tammany, claim to hold over until January, 1873. The new board, which is mostly reform, disputes this right, claiming that the Legislature has no right to change the law so as to keep the present board in power. Both boards meet to organize on Monday. The writ returned to render on the second Monday in January, when the question will be judicially determined.

FRAUDULENT COUNTERS.

Thomas Mosgill and Michael J. Weldon, Inspectors of Election, convicted of making a fraudulent count, have been sent to the Penitentiary for six and four months respectively.

LIBERTY.

The *News*, Fox Woods' paper, charges that the lottery policy men of this city openly boast that they pay to the Police Department $2,000 a month for protection.

RIVAL GRAND JURIES.

The grand jury of the Court of General Sessions have adjourned till Tuesday. "There is the best authority for saying," says an evening paper, "that the officials have been informed, who would have been arrested but for the legal question arising out of the existence of rival grand juries."

TIER AND GOULD.

No bail was furnished by either Fisk or Gould to-day in the suit of Allen against them, but Colonel Dudley Field, their counsel, pledged himself to the sheriff to produce both his clients on Tuesday. It is stated on good authority that Fisk is in Boston.

YOUNG BENNETT WARNED.

Beach, the humorist-in-chief, addressed a communication to J. G. Bennett, Jr., this morning, advising him to desist taking part in pigeon shooting matches. He says he will enforce the law in the premises.

SMALL POX.

Seven cases of small pox and three deaths since yesterday. Fifteen cases and eighteen deaths during the week.

THE FLORIDA.

The owners of the steamer Florida, which was reported erroneously, or stated in the dispatches to have been seized by a Spanish war steamer, to-day sent a communication to the Secretary of the Navy, asking protection.

TWEED ON THE STAND.

Tweed testified, to-day, when under examination as surety on the father's bond, that he had no understanding with his father in regard to the real estate he had given him, which is valued at about $2,500,000. He thought it was given to him to make him a rich man. There was nothing said about his being given the property with a view to its being given to the people. He said, "I never paid any money for this property. I got it under the love of affection in consideration of having a home for each deed of transfer. It was after the 1st of August that he began giving me property to me. Most of the deeds have not been put on record. On the 21st of November my father executed a release, relieving me from paying him the price of this property."

Mr. Choate, examining counsel, said: "That must have been quite a surprise to you."

Tweed. Quite a surprise.

Choate. In fact, great joy.

Tweed. Very gratifying.

Further on, Tweed stated: "My father just said to me, Richard, here is this property for you; I want you to be a rich man. I might have said thank you, but I am not sure. My father leased the Metropolitan Hotel from A. T. Stewart, and I leave it from him."

Adjourned till Wednesday.

MICHIGAN.

Fire and Loss of Life in Detroit—Narrow Escapes—Political—Kerosene Fatality.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, Dec. 30.—A rental Kable fire, attended with loss of life, has greatly excited this city this afternoon. The fire and chemical establishment of Frederick Stearns, which was partially burned out a few days ago, has now been entirely destroyed. The origin of to-day's conflagration is not definitely known. At about 2 o'clock, while the carpets were being cut in the upper story of the active army building suddenly an explosion was heard, which was soon succeeded by others in rapid succession, pounded, and where three barrels of turpentine were stored. This explosion was followed by the falling of the building with dense sulphurous smoke, and by the rush of an immense body of flame into every story of the basement were underway. The employés of the establishment, two boys named Bohnlachsen and Bernard, were driven into the street, and were driven into parts of the building were cut off from all other ways. Most of them got out on the roof, and leaping to an adjoining building escaped. One boy named W. Green jumped from a second story window to the pavement. Another boy was crushed by the falling of the building by getting under the ruins. The fire spread rapidly, and lasted some hours. The building, and fixtures of the Detroit Chemical Co. were $50,000, and partially covered by insurance. The building is insured, and Mr. Wells's loss is understood to be covered by insurance. The total loss is estimated at $100,000.

The State Republican Committee have decided to call the next State Convention to meet at Detroit to nominate Presidential Electors, to meet at Jackson.

A Manistee letter reports the burning to death by the explosion of a kerosene lamp of a young lady, daughter of James McRae.

FOREIGN.

Great Britain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The *Herald* publishes a London letter in which it is stated that the writer is informed, on the authority of one who is well "posted" regarding the secret societies of Europe, that the Prince of Wales was not suffering from typhoid fever, but from an attempted assassination by a person who was a secret agent of the International Society. That organization, it is said, has resolved upon the death of the Prince, and the public assertions of some of its members are urged in corroboration of the fact. The *Herald* editorially declines to endorse the story.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A bulletin reports that the Prince of Wales, though slightly afflicted by the swelling above his hip, continues to improve. The visit of the Queen to Sandringham was not caused by the appearance of any dangerous symptoms.

The steamer Nevada has arrived out.

The *Times* reviewing President Grant's message, promises that the present Cuban policy may soon be exchanged for a more active one. The *Times* finds no objection to this, and declares that Cuba must be wrested from Spain.

The ship Edward foundered off Belgoola yesterday, and all on board were lost. There are no particulars.

GLASGOW, Dec. 30.—While a large road wagon, propelled by steam, and carrying heavy boilers, was passing through the streets to-day, surrounded and followed by a throng of children, one of the boilers exploded. Five children were killed outright, and seven were so badly injured that their recovery is doubtful. The dead and injured were frightfully mutilated.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The ship Fyne, from Wilmington, with a cargo of 3,000 barrels of turpentine, was totally destroyed by fire while passing the Scotch coast on the 26th inst. The loss of her cargo has material effect upon the prices of turpentine in this market.

The Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise have come to the conclusion

The International Telegraph Conference in Rome has adjourned. Its next meeting will be at St. Petersburg, in 1875.

France.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The Assembly yesterday, after a debate, ratified the new Note circulation of the Bank of France 80,000,000 francs, and authorized until the 1st of January. President Thiers, after alluding to the violent language used by the Deputies, and to the threats of the Germans, said the best reply to harsh words was silence. This was received with prolonged applause. THIERS EXPECTS determined opposition to burdening the present fiscal year with fresh loans.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Supplementary elections are to be held in Paris to fill the vacant seats in the Assembly. Victor Hugo has accepted a nomination on the platform of the abolition of capital punishment, the suppression of the state of siege in Paris, a non-restoration of the monarchy, proclamation of a general amnesty, dissolution of the present Assembly, and removal of the seat of government to Paris. A nomination was tendered Marshal MacMahon, but was declined.

West Indies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Mr. Thomas (W. I.) letter mentions that a rumor is current that the American vessel Florida has been captured by a Spanish man-of-war and taken to Porto Rico. The Florida left St. Thomas on the 24th inst., and the party stated that shortly after her departure the Spanish war steamer Nunez de Balboa, which followed close behind, fired, and ordered her to, almost in the presence of the United States sloop Shawmut. This same news is confirmed by private despatches, although the Prefect of this city thinks the news should not be fully credited.

LATER.

A Nassau, N. P., special to the New York *Times* says that the steamer Florida arrived there on the 28th inst., with her fore and main topmast gone, and was towed into port for repairs and coal. Nothing was said in the despatch about her being fired into or captured by a Spanish cruiser.

HAVANA, Dec. 29.—The report telegraphed here of the capture of the Florida is pronounced false. After the Florida had sailed a Spanish man-of-war followed. A blank cartridge was fired, and then a ball cartridge. The Florida was then stopped. A boat was then sent from the Vasco Nunez de Balboa, the officer in charge having orders to examine the Florida's papers. As no fault was found with the papers, the Florida was allowed to proceed. The Vasco Nunez de Balboa has since returned to Cienfuegos.

Several engagements have lately taken place between the Spanish troops and rebels under Modesto Diaz, in the district of San Antonio, [illegible] named Thery, Wagner and Borchus, were murdered near Sitiabuco. They were drovers, returning home from Kansas, with the proceeds of the sales.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—There is considerable excitement here to-day in consequence of the probable convening of the Legislature on the 10th prox. The term of this body expired by law Nov. 2. The Governor, after consultation with the members and under circumstances as follows: Barnes and Gresham had difficulty some weeks previous in the latter's store, and Barnes then threatened to tear Gresham's heart's core out. On the 23d of February they crossed the river from Clarksville, Miss., together. Gresham was in a wagon with his son 16 years old, and was drunk. Barnes was on foot. On leaving the landing Barnes asked to ride, and was granted the privilege. Some consent was given. Barnes and Gresham then agreed to settle on a board. Before they had proceeded far, they got into a quarrel. Barnes rose up, made an opprobrious remark, caught Gresham and jumped out. The seat board tipped, and Gresham fell on the opposite side, and lay on his back on the ground. Barnes came to him, steadied himself by holding to the son's head, and then stepped on Gresham's throat, crushing his skull and mutilating his face beyond recognition. Mr. Tyler, who saw the murder, says Gresham, seeing Barnes approach, and the murderer jumped the fence and fled. Tyler pursued and captured him, and found that Gresham was dead. Barnes had a bowie knife.

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At 2 o'clock he was taken from his cell to the cashier's, in one corner of the jail. He mounted the step-ladder, and placed the rope around his neck, and, after a very brief prayer, he said: "I believe God has pardoned my sins and received me. I thank Mr. Simpkins for being kind to me, and I hope no other man will ever be hung for murder." After shaking hands with the Sheriff, Jailor, ministers, and doctors, he asked permission to pray again, and offered up a touching and earnest petition, which affected all who heard it. He rose, stepped on the platform, took the noose in his hands and examined it. While his hands and feet were being bound, the prayer companies of Washington placed around his neck, and the black cap pulled over his face, while he cried: "God save my soul." He said, "and be merciful to me," and, falling five feet, the force breaking his neck and producing death.

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The Executive National Council has dissolved after rejecting the Delaware Convention. The two-thirds vote necessary to its adoption cannot therefore be obtained.

THE GALLOWS.

Execution of Bartholomew Barnes, at Pittsfield, Ill., for the Murder of John Gresham—Review of the Homicide.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—The *Republican* has a special from Hannibal, Mo., giving an account of the hanging of Barnes at Pittsfield, Pike county, Ill., yesterday, for the murder of John Gresham, in Calhoun County, Ill., last February. The particulars of the murder were communicated in the manner and under circumstances as follows: Barnes and Gresham had difficulty some weeks previous to the murder, and Barnes then threatened to tear Gresham's heart's core out. On the 23d of February they crossed the river from Clarksville, Mo., together. Gresham was in a wagon with his son 16 years old, and was drunk. Barnes was on foot. On leaving the landing Barnes asked to ride, and was granted the privilege. Some consent was given. Barnes and Gresham then agreed to settle on a board. Before they had proceeded far, they got into a quarrel. Barnes rose up, made an opprobrious remark, caught Gresham and jumped out. The seat board tipped, and Gresham fell on the opposite side, and lay on his back on the ground. Barnes came to him, steadied himself by holding to the son's head, and then stepped on Gresham's throat, crushing his skull and mutilating his face beyond recognition. Mr. Tyler, who saw the murder, says Gresham, seeing Barnes approach, and the murderer jumped the fence and fled. Tyler pursued and captured him, and found that Gresham was dead. Barnes had a bowie knife.

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For the purpose of enabling our employes to hunt up their scattered friends on this memorable New Year's Day, we shall issue no paper to-morrow.

THE NEW YEAR.

The New Year has come with Alexis, bringing with it sundry provocations to make allusions to scythes, hour-glasses, biers, garlands, cherubs, and other properties which pertain to the last act of 1871 and the first act of 1872. The curtain goes down upon a reality of ruins, and rises again upon the future no man can draw, except with the inspiration of hope. We transfer from the books of 1871 to the new set, a clear balance of acres of broken brick, stone, and iron, and a dozen hinken Aldermen, with a determination to remove the one entry and correct the other, as a basis for this year's work. At the commencement of no previous year has Chicago had such a magnificent field for labor. There is work enough for every man, woman, and child, and plenty of money to pay for it; and, as work brings contentment and peace with it, our chances for a Happy New Year ought to be of the brightest description.

The Old Year left us a margin of time sufficient to clear away the wreck and now we have some three hundred and sixty-six days for good honest endeavor. The fire which burns over the prairie in the fall makes the young grass of the next spring always greener and stronger, and the soil richer and more productive. The same result will ensue in our own case, if we hasten to seize upon the advantages offered us. It would be quite superfluous for us to suggest what course should be adopted or what dangers avoided in shaping and making the New Chicago. Every jagged wall and heap of bricks is eloquent enough with these suggestions, and it is to be presumed that every owner of a pile of this sort has wisdom enough to heed these suggestions and act thereon.

As all of us become violently virtuous on New Year's Day and make sundry resolutions, it is probable that we shall do the same to-day. It will be in order, therefore, for city officials to resolve to be honest and spurn bribes and other moneyed considerations to do wrong; for property-owners to resolve to build no more shams, and for builders to observe honesty as a material part of their contracts; for the horse railroad companies to resolve to compel their human beasts of burden and not tax them beyond their strength; for the West Side Gas Company to furnish a better article for illumination; for grocers to put less sand in their sugar, and for all dealers to give better measure and weight; for young men to drink less whiskey, and for young women to wear less finery; for the unmarried to get married, and for the married to stay married; for the clergy to write better sermons, and for the laity to pay better attention to them; for the lawyers to be more scrupulous, and for the doctors no longer to consort with death; for the rich to be more charitable to the poor, and for the poor to be more tolerant of the rich; for insurance men to be penitent, for insurers to reduce per cents, and for Board of Trade men not to doctor grain; and for every man to forgive his enemy and not let the sun go down upon his wrath, this evening.

It were useless to speak of the New Year elsewhere, for we shall have all that we want to do here with it; and, in the great work of municipal reorganization to be done, the newspaper must of necessity take a prominent place. While wishing all its readers a Happy New Year, and thanking all its patrons for favors in the Old, THE TRIBUNE will henceforth, as always, labor for the best interests of the new city; will still continue to be the people's TRIBUNE, advocating the right without regard to men; and, in the administration of City, State, and National affairs, demand only the Truth, Justice, and Right, for these are higher than Party, Creed, and Section.

POLITICAL PROPAGANDISM.

Mr. Frederick Douglass delivered a lecture in this city last week,—a lecture which he had previously delivered elsewhere,—and which he will probably deliver at various places hereafter, in favor of the annexation, by purchase, of the Republic of San Domingo. The lecture was well written and well presented, and we hope will prove profitable to the lecturer. Mr. Douglass was one of the Commissioners who, a year ago, made a visit to San Domingo, had several interviews with Mr. Baez, who proposes to sell that piece of real estate, and came home to make a report favoring the purchase. This lecture was a statement of the reasons why it should be purchased. So far as the natural advantages of the island, and especially of the part which Baez claims title, are concerned, there is nothing that can be said which may not with equal force be said of a score of other islands, or of States upon the mainland. The San Domingo half of the island is so remote from the United States, and so difficult of access, that it does not offer nearly as many inducements to the seekers of enlarged boundaries as many others of the West India Islands. The fact that San Domingo is in the hands of an usurper, who will sell for less money and give larger commissions than others, has not, we hope, any force in commending a purchase from him.

But, after wading through this lecture and its special arguments in favor of the purchase of San Domingo, the searcher after truth finds that the real reason given—the only reason that the mind can grasp and the memory retain—is, that the government of the United States is the missionary selected by the providence of God to republicanize the earth, and to bring the peoples of all nations, and of all tribes, and of all colors under one flag and one government. That is the argument that is at the bottom of everything that is said in favor of the annexation of San Domingo by purchase; even those who have pecuniary interest dependent upon the result can give no other reason than that we should perform our "mission."

This lecture unfortunately has lost much of its point from the fact that the Administration has, in obedience to universal public opinion, abandoned the job of buying San Domingo of Baez, and consequently not even the officeholders are any longer under any obligations to burrah for manifest destiny.

This doctrine, that the United States, as a nation, must travel the world over, seeking some oppressed people to rescue from oppression, and be forever engaged in the deliverance of afflicted sister-republics from their oppression, is too stale, at this day, to find national and unpaid advocates. But when, in addition to our intervention in the domestic affairs of other nations, we are to send out a corps of military diplomats, backed by a navy, to force adventurers upon unwilling nations as rulers, and then purchase from these rulers the country they govern, the slight flavor of missionary piety is lost in the sordid, grovelling dishonesty of the job. The fact that this man, Baez, who offers to sell San Domingo to us, only owes his present position as President to the unswerving presence of an American fleet, is at once conclusive as to the atrocity of the proposed sale, and the violation of every principle of international fairness and decorum.

But, apart from the peculiar circumstances which stamp the San Domingo job with infamy, this attempt to revive the national missionary principle must prove futile, because of its injustice. If we are to republicanize the rest of the world, let us begin nearer home. There in the Republic of Mexico, an area and rent by civil war that though capable of the highest state of production, it is not at this day as prosperous as it was half a century ago, and whose civilization is absolutely retrograding. Mexico, for a dozen years, has, like San Domingo, had two or three Presidents at a time,—just now they have three, each with an army and navy, and each, perhaps, open to a liberal offer to transfer the whole Mexican Republic to a cash purchaser.

The Mexican territory lies along our own border; we are under an expensive obligation to protect Mexican States from Indian depredations; we have revenue difficulties and are troubled with smugglers. Our citizens in Mexico are robbed and plundered; there can be no peace on the frontier or in Mexico until that country has that stability of government for which it must look to the United States. Here are seven millions of freemen suffering for the want of our missionary interference; they are our neighbors and our friends,—why abandon them to the desolation of civil war, to expend all our money upon a few thousands of people on a small patch of a small island in the sea, which requires four weeks to reach and hear from. If we are going into the missionary business let us begin with Mexico, and then, when we have brought her within the fold, there are a dozen or more Republics north and south of the isthmus; and once in South America we can go on until we reach Cape Horn; in the meantime we might also extend our labors to the north, and thus, in course of time, have the realization of an ocean-bound Republic. To leave the continent to go after a few thousand persons in San Domingo who are offered to us at $500 a head, is a waste of money and a neglect of the true missionary field.

OUR CANADIAN FRIENDS.

The British American Provinces are again to an almost perpetual state of party excitement. Ordinarily, the difference between the "grits" and "clear grits" is not perceptible to outsiders, and the crises in the various Ministries are as frequent and as incomprehensible on this side of the line as those of Spain. But just now the most important question in Canadian politics is the ratification by the Dominion Parliament of those parts of the late treaty between the United States and Great Britain concerning the fisheries and other local questions. The Canadian Minister, Sir John A. McDonald, was a member of the Joint High Commission which matured the treaty, and, while he might be supposed to favor it, he has not, in any public way, endeavored to meet the opposition to it. The treaty is objected to in various parts of the Dominion, ostensibly upon supposed local disadvantages. Nova Scotia is supposed to be, on the whole, favorable to the treaty, while New Brunswick is opposed to it. In the Province of Quebec, parties are supposed to be about evenly divided, while in the Western Province of Ontario, which is not locally affected by the measure, the opposition is intense. Assuming that the press fairly represents the popular feeling, the chances seem to be against the ratification of the treaty.

The most workable feature of this opposition is the fact that there is hardly a rational objection made to the terms of the treaty, when taken by themselves. The real difficulty is that, there is not enough of it. What these provinces want, and especially Ontario, is a general scheme of reciprocity, by which commerce between the provinces and the Union, in the matter of their respective natural productions, may be left unrestricted. They care nothing for the fisheries, or any of the other subjects disposed of by the treaty; they are willing to concede all that is asked of them by the treaty, and much more; but they object to partial reciprocity, when they want general reciprocity. They are willing to throw open all British America, with the free use of its rivers, canals, fisheries, and harbors, to the people of the United States, provided the same privilege be extended to them. The opposition to the treaty is not on account of what it contains, but because it does not contain much more of the same sort; and the policy of the opposition is to defeat the ratification of the treaty in the provisions of the treaty, bring to provincial mastery, in the hope that a new and enlarged treaty will be offered them.

This policy is a mistaken one. There is no pretence that the use of the fisheries by the Americans is of any injury to Provincial fishermen; certainly no such injury that is not amply compensated by the free admission of British fish and oil to our markets. Nor is there any pretence that the navigation of the St. Lawrence and of the Dominion canals by American ships is hurtful to Dominion trade; on the contrary, to close that river and these canals against the trade with the United States is to deprive them of a large share of their commerce and their tolls. In both cases the defeat of the treaty is but an exercise of spite more injurious to Canada than to the United States. The rejection of the treaty will not force this country into a general system of reciprocity; while its ratification in good faith, and in a spirit of international amity, will preface the way for that general system of reciprocity which we admit it is for the interest of both countries to adopt. The Canadian journals and statesmen who are friends of reciprocity, and who are opposed to the treaty, are not by any means promoting the beneficial end they seek, but are really postponing the commercial union which would exist between the two countries.

MURPHY'S SERENADE.

Why Murphy should need any more whitewashing, after the very gracious letter which at once dismissed him from the service and recommended him to the next employer, it is difficult to discover. It may be that the recent speech of Senator Schurz, wherein some disgraceful facts about Murphy's Custom House administration were ventilated, has aroused Murphy to the necessity of more whitewash; or it may be that Murphy has already fixed upon, and began to manœuvre for, the next office which he will ask of the Federal authorities at Washington, or the Custom House regency at home.

At all events, Murphy has lately procured a serenade, with any quantity of speeches eulogistic of the virtues of Murphy. It was no charivari, such as a person of Murphy's antecedents might have received had his career been run in a rural neighborhood. On the contrary, it was a high-toned concert by Fisk's own brass band, with Levy to blow his thrilling bugle horn, and "set the wild echoes flying," after the Tennysonian idea, up and down Broadway, to which Murphy's balcony is adjacent. Levy blew his own horn, of course; but the horn of Murphy was exalted by his friend George Opdyke, one of the many handy men for such occasions which New York can boast. Opdyke was not, we believe, one of the highly respectable citizens who united in whitewashing Tweed and Connolly, a little while before election, and who have recently had the satisfaction of coming out and acknowledging their ridiculous attitude. Doubtless Opdyke would have done the same thing, but was induced to hold himself in reserve for the whitewashing of Tweed's particular friend,—him of the Custom House. Opdyke waited until Levy and the other blowers of brass had played through quite a programme, including d'march composed for the occasion and dedicated to the ex-Collector (which, in contradistinction to the familiar fife-and-drum composition that has already suggested itself to the reader, is doubtless called the Honest Man's March), and then, when a goodly crowd had been gathered by the divertisement, remarked that the immense numbers which he saw before him spoke volumes for the confidence which the public reposed in his friend, the Honorable Thomas Murphy. Mr. Opdyke insisted vehemently that his friend's "honor was unsullied," notwithstanding he had been "traduced and slandered" to a fearful degree.

The soft impeachment of Opdyke was promptly admitted by Murphy, who, appearing after a few more pieces had been played, at once confessed as to the atrocity of the proposed sale, and the violation of every principle of international fairness and decorum.

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A RICH PAIR.

The old adage, "Like father and like son," is exemplified in the case of Tweed Senior and Tweed Junior. On Saturday last, the latter was placed upon the stand for examination as surety upon his father's bail-bond. In the course of the proceedings, it appeared that a few days since, in a sudden outburst of generosity, Tweed Senior gave to Tweed Junior one million five hundred thousand dollars in property. The consideration which Tweed Junior gave his father for the deeds was one dollar in each case, and the deeds are not yet put on record; and subsequently Tweed Senior gave Tweed Junior a release, which relieved him from paying anything on the transfers. Tweed Junior, on the stand, testified that he got the money "under the love of affection." The "love of affection" which exists between Tweed Senior and Tweed Junior, however, must be of a very peculiar sort, as Tweed Junior furthermore testified that he could not remember whether he thanked the old gentleman for it or not. It was also in evidence on the part of Tweed Junior that Tweed Senior said to him, as he handed the deeds to him, "Richard, here is this property for you. I want you to be a rich man." This is such a common practice among rich men, to take their sons one side and hand them a million or two, because they want them to be rich, that it would not have caused any general surprise, had it not been for the fact that a day or two afterward, Tweed Junior was desirous to have Tweed Senior to go surety for him. It must have been an affecting episode in the memorable Tweed history: Tweed Senior, after dinner, calls Tweed Junior one side, and, with tears in his eyes, takes his hand, and says, "Richard, I want you to be a rich man. Here is a million and a half. Bless you, my child, bless you." Tweed Junior looks at the old gentleman suspiciously, as if doubting his sanity. But the old gentleman is sane. There is no doubt of that, for he adds, "It is for the love of affection." Then Tweed Junior's tears well up into his eyes, and his utterance becomes so chokeful and his whole being so dumbfounded, that he forgets to thank Tweed Senior for this handsome little *douceur*. He rushes from the apartment to relate his good luck to his fellows, whose governors are evidently by no means to make their sons wealthy, while Tweed Senior returns to his Verzenay and chuckles to himself, "What are you going to do about it now?" How much better would it have been if Tweed Senior had taken Tweed Junior one side and [said]: "Richard, I am an old man. I have made a great deal of money, and stolen a great deal more. I have become rich, and you now see the trouble into which it has led me. That you may not fall into the same snares, here is a shilling. Take it, and my blessing, and go out and earn an honest living; for man's days are few and full of trouble." But, as Tweed Senior did not do anything of the kind, one hardly knows which to admire the most, the innocence of Tweed Junior, or the generosity of Tweed Senior.

Great revolutions are not always sublime in their small details. However grand a spectacle the transformation scene may be which dissolves a dynasty and rears another in its place, or which shatters a pasteboard kingdom and substitutes a republic, almost in the twinkling of an eye, the sublimity is merged in the ridiculous when we go behind the scenes and view the machinery by which all this is accomplished. For instance, here is a peep behind the curtain at Mr. Odger's democracy in London, the time being that of a rehearsal merely,—the grand spectacle in front being as yet unprepared. The actors are met in their "hole-in-the-wall" and a dialogue is going on with great animation between Odger, the leader, and a Mr. Osborne, whom the other accuses of being "crazy on money matters" on account of having given a few pounds to the cause:

Several speakers again endeavored to obtain a hearing.

Mr. Osborne. Am I to be badgered in this manner by a lot of you? Is it not enough for me to fight one, without having the whole lot of you? You are a fine bunch to talk about reforming classes not coming forward with their money when Odger is not here; but when Odger is here at the top of you [ah] the noise is open your mouths! What have you got to be afraid of in Odger, I wonder? What is he? A pretty thing if he is to be Odger and his wife with the whole of the expenses put upon them because of him.

Mr. Odger. Well, we are not going to have you with us.

Mr. Osborne. I'll take care you don't. No; you shall have a gift of silver fruit knives, forks, and berry spoons, sent to my door Christmas eve, during my absence. It was very much admired by the printer who saw me last night, but I must permit me to return it to you, believing it wrong to become the recipient of presents from the working men whom I employ. I am Chairman of City Engineer. I cannot conscientiously compromise the administration which appointed me. There is no place wicked enough for those who tuitions to contractors doing work for the city.

Hoping that a feeling of good fellowship may at all times exist between us, I am, sir, your obedient servant,

J. B. MOULTON.

That is the way two-thirds of the Christmas and New Year's tokens presented to official persons should be disposed of, if the several cake-baskets, berry-dishes, etc., are not to become the hundred boxes of cavia a somebody or other before the year is out.

By the way, now that vaccination is so much in vogue, cannot Mayor Medill manage to have some of our Chicago functionaries inoculated from this St. Louis engineer? Perhaps Dr. Dyer will resume the professional lancet for the purpose!

Mr. Fred. Metzke rises to explain about his hitherto incomprehensible incumbency of the office of City Boiler Inspector. His explanation is, we think, sufficient, and should, together with his resignation, be promptly accepted. Mr. Metzke tells what he knows about boilers, which is nothing at all; but explains that he had, not, from his observation of previous office-holders under the city government, been led to suspect that a Boiler Inspector was required to know anything about boilers. He knew that the chief requirement of a successful candidate for office was to be a good fellow, to have a snug phalanx of voters whom he could handle on election days, and to be ready always to stand by the Aldermen or others to whom he should be indebted for his office. That gentleman's announcement of his determination to resign his inappropriate office will be hailed with pleasure, though that emotion would be heightened if the public felt a little more confidence that Mr. Metzke's successor would be a man any better "up" in the construction of boilers than that gentleman himself.

Moral, as well as physical and natural calamities, always move in cycles, and stealing is just as likely to become epidemic as cholera or small-pox. The mania for appropriating other people's money is not limited by race or color, and Tweed finds his counterpart in President Roye, of Liberia, who is now in prison on the charge of stealing two hundred thousand dollars' worth of railroad bonds. This shows that Liberia is making progress in its study of political swindling and efficient stealing as a science, but has not advanced sufficiently in its study to learn that it is safer to steal two hundred millions than two hundred thousands. It is hardly to be expected, however, that one should prove himself an apt scholar in his first essay.

The *Golden Age* says: "Robert Collyer has been to us bringing 'Robert Burns.' The lecture was pithy, interesting, and eloquent. The two men somewhat resemble each other in many other respects. Indeed, the second is a prose copy of the first." We have rarely met with a more singular brace of compliments than these. It will hardly flatter Mr. Collyer to tell him that he resembles Burns in looks and other respects, when there is considered what Burns' other respects were. It will be still less flattering to the shade of Burns to be informed that he is a prose copy of Mr. Collyer.

—R. Stephenson, of Menominee, is about to erect a new mill near the old Spafford & Gilmore site. It will consist of a double gang, with but two feet stroke, and probably two circular saws. This will make the manufacturing capacity of the Menominee River, running day times only, 140,000,000 feet, which will be about equally divided between the Wisconsin and Michigan sides.

NEW YORK.

Latest Parisian Modes—April, June, October, and December Dresses.

Christmas Gifts—Amusements—Books for Young and Old.

From Our Special Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.

These merry holidays of Christmas,—could there be planned a brighter threshold into the New Year?

It is in a bower of evergreens, a labyrinth of Christmas-boxes, a palisade of stockings, and a rain of bonbons, that people sit down seriously to consider about New Year's calls, and to put the last ribbon and rose to that happiest of costumes destined to decorate the birthday *fete* of 1872.

FASHIONS.

All the seasons may be said to be in embryo in this first day of the year; it is the acorn that encloses the three-hundred-and-sixty-five-branched oak. And, if the costumes of its initiatory gala do not prefigure all of these unfolded days, they certainly anticipate the months. Every color, glad or sombre,—every fashion, massive or aerial,—suggestive of spring, summer, autumn, or winter, will greet the eyes of our New York gallants in the drawing-room panorama of Monday next.

Can there be anything more like April than this "lovely thing" from Worth's? It is a corded silk of the palest green—a tint so pale and pearly that it resembles the reflection of ween in a silver dish. The silk forms a train, trimmed with fine festooned flounces of Duchesse lace (about a finger's width), each flounce headed with a ruche of rose-colored silk in two rising, upholding an inch-wide lace of the same pattern as the flounce; a cluster of cinque-foils, set upon a leaf-edge in deep scollops. Over this is a skirt of tulle *en tablier*, and very bouffant, the gathers being caught in five longitudinal bands of the green silk, ruffled with lace, and clasped behind and at the sides, with boquets of primroses. The corsage is cut very low, and trimmed with silk rose-colored ruches, bordered with lace and studded with primroses across the sleeves, which are simply falls of lace. The wreath—necklace, ear-rings, aigrette, and two bracelets on the left arm, one just below the sleeve, in antique style—are of opals set *en solitaire*. The long gloves are of the palest pink tint. The young lady who is to wear this April dress is a blonde—sprightly and of medium size, with a complexion so delicate, with a complexion of the finest rose that,—who is said to resemble the earlier pictures of the Countess Guiccoli.

The June dress is of the "peacock green." It is in demi-train, ruffled half a yard deep, with five-inch ruffles of green, set over with five-inch ruffles of green, set over with five-inch ruffles of green, set over

...ROAD FOR 1872.

...IT FEELS TO BE DEAD.

...Saw His Own Corpse and Own Funeral Sermon—Narrow Escape from Being Buried Alive.

...the Fort Wayne Sentinel.

...most prominent visitors who ...the holidays with their friends ...city is Mr. Cecil C——, ...N. Y. About five years ago ...at boating on Oneida Lake with ...companions, when a storm arose ...the distance of two miles ...that lifted itself from the waves. ...sent a few hours in collecting ...scenic pertinence, until a black ...of shore and attempted to foll...it in vain. A dolichfal sensa...took possession of him. Then ...black clouds, unnoticed ...by his companions, and ...to consciousness, he attempt...his eyes—to move his hands—to ...and himself unable to command ...

...in this condition, memory pic...s all that had transpired up to ...when he became insensible. ...envied wheelbarrow on ...e meant this hush! this chill! ...s of darkness that enveloped ...s his? What was he? ...always thus? ...on, and he felt his thoughts ...nnecting into a narrower and ...here until nothing but the one ...idea of existence continued ...

...y a crash, as if all the the Ti...gods had hurled their trumpets ...upon his hearing—a deluge ...the concentrated rays of a ...burst upon his vision; there ...of soul and sense, and he ...ness beside his violet-strewn ...and the inscription:

...Born in Baltimore, Md., ...June 25, 1846; ...died at Ingwertown, N. Y., ...April 29, 1871, ...Aged 25 years.

...the oral glass at the head of the ...ave the dark face frozen into the ...dity of death.

...and relatives were seated around ...and the pastor was preaching a ...neral sermon, interrupted now ...then by the subdued sobs of his ...ief-stricken listeners. Tuning to ...ow the glory of a summer day ...in, fragrant with the sweet ...of the clover-fields and musical ...cent, he said: "We have been ...ed in Egypt, and have come to buy for ourselves ...ply in every sound he heard,—and ...how crude and imperfect are all ...of language to the task. ...the fierce storm of the term and the ...ase of Southern Illinois being called ...Egypt, know whereof I speak. ...In the Spring of 1830 I resided ...on a public road passing through one of the counties I have mentioned. I saw more than a hundred wagons pass, either going for or returning with corn for the upper counties, and I know for myself and many people, after the first few weeks, seldom mentioned their business down here without making some allusion to the Bible narrative of the people of olden times going to Egypt for corn. But no living man ever heard the term Egypt applied to this part of Illinois prior to the spring of 1833. To the people in the Wilmington's father, the office of the Commission. The fashionable districts of Dublin are not as in New York and London, that which abuts on the park, but that which lies near the Kingston railway station, which carries you down in a very brief time to sea and the lovely coast of Wicklow. All the property in this direction belongs to the young Earl of Pembroke, son of the late Lord Herbert, better known as Right Hon. Sidney Herbert. It now brings in the £250,000 a year, and is annually increasing in value. Merrion square, the Fifth avenue of Dublin also belongs to him.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

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SATURDAY EVENING, Dec. 30.

This being the last business day of the year, considerable activity in settlements would naturally be expected. Very little was done, however, at the BOARD, however, was perceptible, and, in general, the day was rather a dull one. Money continues in fair supply, and the continued influx of currency from the country indicates the probability that there will be no stringency here. Our gross warehouses are now about full, except as to wheat. Orders against which the railroad companies discriminate, and the question arises as to what extent the inadequate storage accommodations of the city may have to be resorted to. Considerable amounts of currency are coming in from the country, and there is none going out.

The following were the clearings for the week ending Saturday, Dec. 30, 1871:

Monday	$3,215,324 76
Tuesday	3,431,113 98
Wednesday	3,197,712 74
Thursday	3,130,976 56
Friday	2,709,235 00
Saturday	2,309,350 00
Total	$17,793,972 54
Last week	15,938,627 23

LATEST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The gold market was quiet and steady to the close at 10½@10¾. The rates paid for carrying were 7@7 per cent. Gold closed at 10¾@10¾, and 5 per cent. Daily clearings about $10,000,000. Specie export for the week, $4,645,000.

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Loans, decrease, $849,000; specie, increase, $2,346,000; circulation, decrease, $38,000; deposits, increase, $1,054,000; legal tenders, decrease, $265,000.

This is a favorable statement, and shows a net gain of $1,094,475 in legal reserve. The banks now hold $9,866,400 above the 25 per cent required by law.

Money at the opening was easy at 7 to 7½ per cent, gold. Later it was tight at 7, gold, to 1-16 per cents.

Government were very strong, with a slight advance.

State bonds were dull, but firm.

Stocks opened dull but with very firm prices during the day. The most important stocks were active and advanced about 1 per cent. The market was strong and higher at the close, and, in some cases, the best prices of the week were made. The leading features to-day were North-western common, Lake Shore, Western Union Telegraph, St. Paul preferred, Union Pacific, and Ohio.

The suspension of E. S. Fitch was officially announced at the Stock Exchange this afternoon. This is the gentleman who sold a very large amount of Wabash stock yesterday, and defaulted on the part of his deliveries to-day.

It is reported that there will be no session of the Stock or Gold Exchanges.

Governments:

Coupon, '81	118 1-4	Coupon, '67	118
Coupon, '62	116 1-2	Coupon, '68	118
Coupon, '64	116 1-2	10-40s	110
Coupon, '65	117	Currency 6s	115 1-2
New	118		

State bonds:

Tennessee, old	68 1-4	Virginia, old	60
Tennessee, new	68 1-4	N. Carolina, old	31
Missouri, 6s	91	N. Carolina, new	30
Louisiana, new	61		

Stocks closed:

Canton	74	N. J. C	108 1-4
Western Union	71 1-4	Mil. Pass	83 3-4
Quicksilver	41	Mil. Prairie	86 1-2
Adams Express	91	Wabash	74 3-4
Wells	65	Ill. Cen	137
American	56 1-2	Fort Wayne	93
United States	62	Terre Haute	16
Pacific Mail	35 1-2	Ohio & M	30
New York Central	93 1-4	Chicago & Alton	117
L. S. & M. S. Central Scrip	85 1-2	Rock Island	103
Erie	35 1-2	C. & A	86 3-4
Erie pfd	62	C. R. I. & P	99 3-4
Hudson	113	C. C. & I. C	92 3-4
Harlem	130	Lake Shore	93 3-4
Harlem pfd	135	Toledo	93 3-4
Reading	101 7-8	Illinois Central	129 1-2
Mich. Cent	114	Illinois Central scrip	131
Pittsburgh	92 3-4	Union Pacific stock	32 3-4
Ft. Wayne	93	Union Pacific bonds	92 1-2
Cleveland	92 1-2	C. P. 6s	103 3-4
N. Western	83		

The Cleveland *Commercial Review* gives the following as the number of cheese factories in the State of New York and the number of cows supplying them:

	Factories.	Cows.
Oneida County	80	20,000
Herkimer	72	22,000
Fulton	70	20,000
Madison	70	20,000
Oswego	58	15,000
Erie	50	20,000
Otsego	40	10,000
Cayuga	40	10,000
Other counties	75	110,000
Total	594	348,000

In the other States and counties the number is as follows:

	Factories.	Cows.
Ohio	80	500
Illinois	31	200
Wisconsin	24	200
Vermont	21	400
Massachusetts	20	400
Michigan	22	400
Pennsylvania	20	
Other States	25	
Canada	34	
Total	317	

The *Shoe and Leather Reporter*, in reviewing the trade of the past year, thinks there was a tendency to over production of boots and shoes, which, if not checked, will operate disastrously. It says that the common slippers have declined from $4.45 to $1.25 during the year. The demand for fine shoes has been equal to the supply. Heavy goods are in excess, though they have been in good request.

In the afternoon the wheat market was very strong, owing to liberal purchases by Canadians for investment, which brought out free sellers to interest. It closed strong at $1.208, seller January, $1.212, seller last half; and $1.223, seller February. Corn was also firmer, closing at 44@44½c for January. In provisions the feeling was quite dull, several parties having pork coming to them in January, which, it is thought, may be put at lower ranges to pay for. We note the sale of 150 boxes of 40 lb Cumberlands, seller last half January, at 6½c.

CHICAGO EVENING PROVISION BOARD.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30—9 p. m.—Sales 1,000 bris mess pork, seller January, at $16.20; 400 bris mess pork, seller February, at $16.30, at Kokomo, Ind.; 100,000 lbs full cured shoulders, buyer February, at 5c.

COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY EVENING, Dec. 30.

The following were the receipts and shipments of produce in this city during the past twenty-four hours, as far as reported, with the corresponding quantities one year ago:

	Receipts.		Shipments.	
	1871.	1870.	1871.	1870.
Flour, brls	4,524	9,642	5,376	5,603
Wheat, bu	14,462	4,350	710	
Corn, bu	142,010	47,122	402	10,772
Oats, bu	22,396	14,162	2,400	9,031
Rye, bu	1,000	1,000		
Barley, bu	6,300	1,500	1,350	
Grass seed, lbs	50,000	15,186	23,000	70,000
Flax seed, lbs		2,345		
Broom corn, lbs	22,370	51,330		20,023
Cured meats, lbs	231,020	54,410	1706,071	1151,886
Beef, brls		1,197	712	1,344
Pork, brls	975	50	188	461
Lard, lbs	228,340	135,170	518,610	1405,133
Tallow, lbs	11,200	3,000		
Butter, lbs	20,102	31,342	6,400	20,780
Dressed hogs, No	2,148	3,903	1,574	3,155
Cattle, No		1,200		1,946
Cattle, lbs		1,365		438
Hides, lbs	373,654	101,233	191,484	103,000
Highwines, brls	77	216	237	240
Wool, lbs	21,615	19,575	30,780	7,000
Potatoes, bu	3,500	330		225
Tallow, lbs	998	1675	275	477
Shingles, m		230	90	545
Lath, m	31	3	3	83
Salt, brls	72,000	1,500	1,500	1,500

In other cities yesterday for city consumption: 3,203 bu wheat; 6,123 bu corn; 3,135 bu oats; 477 brls flour; 1,000 brls pork; 1,000 brls rye; 13 cars barley. Total, 46 cars, or 186,000 bu.

The following were the receipts and shipments of produce on the lake and canal for the past twenty-four hours this morning, and for corresponding weeks, ending as dated:

	Receipts.			Shipments.		
	Dec. 30, '71.	Dec. 23, '71.	Dec. 31, '70.	Dec. 30, '71.	Dec. 23, '71.	Dec. 31, '70.
Flour, brls	19,644	26,606		18,539		
Wheat, bu	113,207	118,767		181,130		
Corn, bu	627,326	786,647		220,300		
Oats, bu	132,897	170,158		47,594		
Rye, bu	11,347	12,500		3,000		
Barley, bu	43,753	76,964		7,850		
Dressed hogs, No	11,149	9,373		20,358		
Live hogs, No	1,000	1,174		11,319		
Cattle, No	1,762	4,044		3,729		
	SHIPMENTS.					
Flour, brls	16,202	19,222		16,408		
Wheat, bu	3,135	6,437		1,746		
Corn, bu	97,025	39,064		49,738		
Oats, bu	30,000	53,023		4,620		
Rye, bu	3,118	5,262		712		
Barley, bu	24,493	34,511		14,875		
Dressed hogs, No	4,257	14,347		10,144		
Live hogs, No	9,304	13,657		11,981		
Cattle, No	3,122	3,067		1,239		

The following were the receipts and shipments of provisions during the week:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Beef, brls	1,000	190
Pork, brls	6,769	5,700
Lard, lbs	1,600,316	3,125,886
Meats, lbs	1,588,000	3,588,113

The produce markets were firmer to-day, and grain was more active, though it was chiefly in speculative lots. The leading feature in the market, and that occasion is always marked by activity in grain options. Being also the last day of the year, it was still more active, as a great many parties preferred to clear off the slate for the sake of balancing up to New Year's Day.

Monday will be observed as a holiday by the Board of Trade, in accordance with the usual custom.

Highwines were dull and little better than nominal at 87½c per gallon. Seeds were dull in New York. Sales were made of 50 brls at 2.85c.

Dressed hogs were less active, and closed lower, being offered more freely, and the shippers were not out of the market. Sales were made of 1,130 head, at $5.00@5.05, the outside for choice heavy lots.

Provisions were firm and quiet. There was little demand, and it seemed as though the holders would not sell except at full prices. Sales were numerous, but they withdrew their offerings when they found that the product was not generally wanted. From a large falling up from the short interest, which brought out such numerous offerings that the market closed much easier than when the receipts of hogs were again light, and many operators prof...ssed to think that the great bulk of the hog crop is already marketed. The market closed at the following range of quotations: Mess pork, cash and seller January, $15.50@15.75; do seller January, $15.25@15.50; do seller February, $15.55@15.60; do seller March, $15.85@15.90; seller April, $16.10@16.15; do cash or seller the month, 50c; do seller January, 50c; do seller February, 45@50c; do seller March, same; do seller April, 45c for shoulders, 5½c for short rib; 5.65c for short clear; and 6½@6¾c for hams. Dry salted meats firmer for shoulders; 5c for rough sides; 6½c for short rib; 6c for short clear. Boxed meats 1@½c higher than the above quotations. Sugar cured hams, 11@12c. Mess beef, $8.00@8.25; extra mess beef, $10.00; city tallow, 8½@9c. Lard steady and unchanged. Fifteen tierces (special brand) sold at 8c; 500 brls do at, $13.25; 500 brls do, seller last half January, at $13.45; 1,000 brls do, seller last February, at $13.60; 1,250 brls do at $13.65; 500 brls do at $13.62½; 500 brls do, seller March, at $13.90; 500 brls do, seller April, at $14.10; 250 tcs do, seller January, at 7½c; 250 tcs do, seller February, at 8c; 250 tcs prime, closed sold, and 250 tcs do, seller March, at 8.25; extra mess beef, $10.00; city tallow, 8½@9c. Lard steady and unchanged. Fifteen tierces (special brand) sold at 8c; 500 brls do at $13.25; 500 brls do, seller last half January, at $13.45; 1,000 brls do, seller February, at $13.60; 1,250 brls do at $13.65; 500 brls do at $13.62½; 500 brls do, seller March, at $13.90; 500 brls do, seller April, at $14.10; 250 tcs do, seller January, at 7½c; 250 tcs do, seller February, at 8c; 250 tcs prime, closed sold, and 250 tcs do, seller March, at 8.25; 250 tcs do, seller March, at 8c; 250 tcs do, seller February, at 8½c; 250 tcs do, seller March, at 8½c; 250 tcs do, seller February, at 8c; 250 tcs do, seller March, at 8½c; 250 tcs do, seller February, at 8½

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

A Variety of Holiday Publications.

The January Magazines and their Announcements.

Literary Gossip at Home and Abroad.

THE POETS OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY. Selected, and edited by the Right Rev. ARIS WILLMOTT, Incumbent of Bearwood. With English and American additions, arranged by EVERT A. DUYCKINCK, editor of the Cyclopædia of American Literature. Illustrated with one hundred and thirty-one engravings drawn by eminent artists. New York: Harper & Bros. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co. 1872.

The original Willmott Edition of the Poets of the Nineteenth Century was published some fifteen years ago, and has always been a favorite edition with lovers of poetry, both for the excellent taste with which the pieces were selected, the rarity of many of them, and the choice engravings accompanying them. The first glance at the familiar old collection will disappoint many, as it has been expanded by the American editor from four hundred to six hundred and seventy-four pages, and a proportional addition has been made to the engravings. It is but truth to say that the additions made to the collection do not compare very favorably with those belonging to the original edition; in many instances, but they are interesting as helping to make the volume a very comprehensive representation of modern poetry. The American poets included in the addition to the work are Clement C. Moore, Bryant, Drake, Halleck, Emerson, Hoffmann, Morris, Simms, Willis, Whittier, Poe, Longfellow, Tuckerman, Holmes, Street, Parsons, James Russell and Maria Lowell, Buchanan Read, William Allen Butler, Bayard Taylor, Howells, Stoddard, Stedman, Halpine, Lucy Larcom, the Cary sisters, John Hay, Bret Harte, Boker, and Walt Whitman. Several of these, among them Halpine, Stedman, Whitman, Halpine, Hay, Harte, and Whitman make their first appearance in a general poetical collection, and time have greater hopes of immortality than they left to struggle alone, but we must object to the taste which places some of the latter named in the same volume with Longfellow, Tennyson, the Brownings, Rogers, Campbell and Wordsworth. The original volume was a collection of favorite poems made by a gentleman of exquisite taste; the new volume makes of the old an omnium gatherum of the better in quantity than quality.

THE LIFE OF CHARLES DICKENS. By JOHN FORSTER. Vol. I., 1812-1842. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co. 1872.

At last we have the first volume of the long-looked-for Life of Dickens by his longtime friend and companion, Forster. It covers the period from his birth to his first return from America to England after his visit in 1842, and tells us of his childhood, school days, his experience in an attorney's office, in the reporters' gallery, and as a newspaper writer; of the manner in which his first works, Sketches by Boz, Pickwick Papers, Oliver Twist, Nicholas Nickleby, The Old Curiosity Shop, and Barnaby Rudge were written, and numerous interesting incidents of his life during the writing of each of them, including scores of the oddest literary projects, closing with his first Scotch visit, and his first memorable visit to America. It is fortunate for the memory of Dickens that the task of writing his biography should have fallen into the hands of a man not only possessed of the complete materials, but also most intimately associated with him, and with the ability to write a clear, impartial, manly, and thoroughly interesting narrative of his social life and wonderfully successful literary career. It is yet too early to speak in detail of the manner in which the first volume has been done, but an eloquent promise that the complete work will be one that will satisfy every lover of Dickens, and will shed new light upon the meaning and character of his works and the nature and composition of the man himself. The remaining volumes will be waited for with impatience.

THE COIN BOOK, comprising a history of coinage; a list of the mint laws of the United States, dates of the coinage from 1793 to 1870; list of current gold and silver coins and their Custom House values; a dictionary of obsolete coins, and numismatic terms, with their values; the gold and silver products of each State to 1870; list of works on coinage; the yearly price of gold from 1687 to 1871, with engravings of the principal coins. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co. 1872.

We are somewhat at a loss how to exactly characterize the volume before us. In respect to coinage it has little value, and as a numismatic manual, still less. It contains no original matter, being a compilation from English sources. The dictionary of coins is tolerably complete, but the American student of numismatics will be dissatisfied as their values are given upon the English standards, necessitating a computation in each case to get the United States values. No mention is made at all of the extremely interesting private and State coinages prior to the establishment of the mint in this country, and the details of our current coinage are very few. The most interesting portions are the tables of the seigniorage and the origin of noted coins, which will prove of value as a sort of diminutive encyclopædia to be used in connection with the study of some standard manual like those of Humphrey or Pinkerton.

THEIR WEDDING JOURNEY. By W. D. HOWELLS, author of "Venetian Life," "Italian Journeys," etc., with illustrations by Augustus Hoppin. Boston: James R. Osgood & Co. Chicago: For sale by all booksellers. 1872.

These who followed Basil and Isabel in that charming journey rie the pages of the *Atlantic Monthly*, will be glad to know that their marital adventures have now been issued in book form. Mr. Howells is one of the most genial and graceful of our American essayists, and his pages in this journey abound in delicate humor sparkling attractive, and the keenest observation of the little things of every day life. So common perhaps that we never notice them ourselves. Then they come to us with peculiar freshness, especially when dressed up in such charming prose as Mr. Howells always writes. He never tires the reader and at the same time never writes a sentence you want to skip. There is the utmost harmony and good nature in all his writings, and he has the rare gift among essayists of making himself thoroughly interesting. The wedding journey is really a free pen and ink sketch of ordinary and oldest American and Canadian life, by one who uses his eyes as well as his pen to good purpose.

MOTHER GOOSE SET TO MUSIC. New York: Carleton. Dobb, Chicago: Cobb, Andrews & Co. 1872.

A long felt want has been supplied by the composer of these melodies. The immortal lyrics of the venerable ancestor dame have a true fold interest, and will be much improved by being wedded to music and can be sung in the nursery as well as said. They will now be more popular than ever. While the character of the music will not injure the prosaic of the standard operas and oratorios, it is admirably adapted to the sentiments of the lyrics, and nowhere a literal meaning is included of Mother Goose. The book is printed in a very handsome form, and is finely illustrated.

HALF HOURS WITH MODERN SCIENTISTS. New Haven, Conn.: C. C. Chatfield. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co. 1872.

Under the above rather clumsy title, Chatfield, the Yale College publisher, has gathered into a single volume the scientific essays which he has issued in pamphlet form for the past two years by Huxley, Tyndall, Proctor, and others. They possess, of course, a large degree of interest for the scientific reader; and, although the mere dilettante in this matter will nevertheless be thoroughly appreciated for casual entertainment.

MORNING GLORIES. By L. M. Alcott. New York: G. W. Carleton & Co. Chicago: Cobb, Andrews & Co. 1872.

The author of "Little Women" has again made herself a favorite with the young people by this collection of juvenile short stories. It is a book which needs no praise and its success is just attested by the immense sale which it has already had. It is one of the best of the juvenile holiday series.

DOGS AND THEIR DOINGS. By the Rev. F. O. Morris, B. A. New York: Harper & Bros. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co. 1872.

This souvenir of the canines is a richly bound quarto devoted exclusively to anecdotes of dogs and beautifully illustrated with cuts on tinted paper. Undoubtedly gentlemen writes with a Byronic affection for his pet animals, and will recommend both them and himself to all lovers of dogs. It also presents claims for holiday purchase of the first order.

ANTIDOTE TO GATES AJAR. By O. S. W. Tenth Thousand. New York: Carleton. Chicago: Cobb, Andrews & Co. 1872.

This volume, a thin pamphlet, is a rather feeble attempt to correct the theological statements of Miss Phelps' book. From the title, the author evidently regards Gates Ajar as a heresy, but in this instance the remedy is worse than the disease, notwithstanding the rather ostentatious tenth thousand announcement.

SHOOTING, BOATING AND FISHING FOR YOUNG SPORTSMEN. By EDMUND WARE. New York: Charles Scribner & Co. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co. 1872.

A charming little manual of sporting for youth, sufficiently comprehensive for all juvenile purposes, thoroughly correct as far as it pretends to go, and richly bound and illustrated. As all respects a very appropriate holiday gift for the boys.

Books Received.

JOHN THOMPSON BLOCKHEAD AND COMPANION PHILOSOPHER. By the Late Peter Parr, author of "Domestic Law." Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co. 1872.

THE ORGANIZATION OF LABOR in accordance with Custom and the Law of the Decalogue; with a similar Treatise on the Nature of Things, upon good and evil in the realms of Mind, the causes of evil existing at the present time, and the best means of their removal; together with objections and answers, difficulties and solutions. By A. L. Du Pont, Senator (of France), Inspector-General of Mines, Commissioner-General to the Universal Exposition in Paris, 1855, 1867, and 1871; author of "Letters to Europeans," and "La Réforme Sociale." Translated by Gouverneur Emerson, M. D., member of the American Philosophical Society; from the French of the second revised and corrected edition, published in Tours, in 1866. Philadelphia: Thomas, James & Hazlehurst. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co. 1872.

DEXTER ABBEY. By T. A. Trollope. New York: Harper & Bros. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co. 1872.

SOUTHERN VOICES. Poems by William H. Holcombe, M. D. New York: Lippincott & Co. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co. 1872.

SERVING GOD IN MANHOOD AND GOD'S GUIDANCE IN YOUTH. Two Sermons preached in the College Chapel of Yale College, by President Woolsey, New Haven, Conn.: C. C. Chatfield. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co. 1872.

TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF DECAY OF THE TEETH. A Practical and Popular Treatise. By Robert Arkany, M. D., D. D. S. With 28 illustrations. New York: Lippincott & Co. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co. 1871.

CHILDREN OF GOTHAM. By the author of "The New Gospel of Peace," Book 1. New York: G. W. Carleton. Chicago: Cobb, Andrews & Co. 1872.

HOUSES NOT MADE WITH HANDS. By Maxime Gaegge. Illustrated by Hoppin. New York: G. W. Carleton. Chicago: Cobb, Andrews & Co. 1872.

THE INVASION OF FRANCE in 1814. By MM. Erckmann-Chatrian. With Memoirs of the Authors. New York: Scribner. Chicago: Cobb, Andrews & Co. 1872.

Periodical Literature.

Lippincott's Magazine for January is substantially a Christmas number. It contains two Christmas stories, "A Dog of Flanders," by Ouida, and "Shadows of a Christmas Fire," by L. Clarke Davis, and in addition the first instalment of the new American novel, "Kate Vernon," which promises well. "Types of Castilian Vagrancy," by David G. Adee, a very interesting sketch of street life in Madrid; "Rural Life in Japan," by Wolfhunt, sketches from life, by Yem Goetz; a long and comprehensive article on "Our New Fort Storm-Signals," by Prof. Thomson B. Maury; some advance sheets of Forster's "Life of Dickens," and the "Coming Woman," and "A California Family Cat," by Prentice Mulford.

The January number of *Scribner's Magazine* is the best yet issued of this popular periodical, both in illustrations and literary contributions. Bayard Taylor, Mr. Brander, of the Hartford *Post*, Christine Rossetti, Mrs. Helen Hunt ("H. H."), Joaquin Miller, Mrs. Colonel S. Mackintosh, Edmund C. Stedman, Cummings, Julian Hawthorne, Hans Christian Andersen, Colonel Higginson, George Macdonald, and Mr. Bryant are represented in the latter by a selection from his translation of the Odyssey. Dr. Holland's editorial matter is, as usual, varied and interesting. Among the new serials which commence in the number are "The Wonders of the West," beautifully illustrated; the papers on "Living American Artists," and "At His Gates." Mrs. Oliphant's new story, of which the Messrs. Scribner are printing one million advance sheets for gratuitous distribution. The publishers announce in their prospectus that "Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney has recently been added to the list of *Scribner's* contributors, as well as Edmund C. Stedman, Mrs. R. S. Greenough, Rev. Geo. R. Bacon, and Bayard Taylor. A delightful series, entitled "Back Log Studies," already published in the *Monthly*, will be contributed by Charles D. Warner, the witty and genial author of "My Summer in a Garden." The very notable series by Elie Reclus, Gladstone has already been announced. Important essays on religious, financial and educational questions, by eminent writers, will appear in early numbers, and in the editorial departments will be continued the able discussion by Dr. Holland of the fiction, reviews of art, music, literature and the drama and art that concerns culture and progress at home and abroad."

The *Catholic World* for January contains, for its main article, a paper entitled, "Who is to Educate our Children?" which, of course, means the reading of the Bible in the public schools. It also continues the American novel, "The House of Yorke," discusses the late Episcopal Convention at Baltimore, and contains many lighter articles, both in prose and poetry, which are of interest.

The prospectus of *Appleton's Journal* for 1872 announces that its leading features will be "American Localities and Scenery," (illustrated); Portraits and Biographical Sketches; Sketches by Julian Hawthorne; a novel called "Lady Sweetapple;" a second novel called "Good Bye, Sweetheart;" and other novelettes by Mrs. Eugene Benson, Henry Ward, Albert Webster, Jr., Geo. M. Towle, R. H. Stoddard, John Esten Cooke, and Paul H. Hayne.

The *Galaxy* for January has been delayed by the extra time required to get out the *Christmas Locket*, which is the holiday number of this magazine, consisting of a number of poems and stories strung together in a characteristic way by Mr. Hale. The January number will contain a review of the year, by Mr. Hale; a sketch of the Chicago fire, by Mrs. M. A. Shorey; a second paper by Dr. Bellows, on "Modern English Novels;" a continuation of Mr. Hale's "Up and Down;" and a poem by Dr. Holmes on "The Organ Blower." The first and last two verses will give the readers a taste of its quality:

"Decentest of my Sunday friends,
The patient organ blower bends;
Not he the figure eyes and fees,
(Forgiveness, brethren, if mine is wandering eyes!)
A meaner lot, the next half seen,
His labor above the scant screen.
Still necessitous on the steep beams
Through quavering hymns and panting psalms.

Not all the preaching, O my friend,
Comes from the church's pulpit end!
Not all that bears the name of new
Yield service half so tireless true!
One simple task performed aright,
With slender skill, but all thy might,
Who to honest labor does its best,
And leaves the player all the rest.

This many-disappointed man,
Through which the breath of being sings,
Whose music makes our earth divine,
Has work for mortal hands like mine—
My duty lies before me, lo!
My post! There's Duty, there's Love bold and blow!
And He whose hand is on the keys
Will play the tune as He shall please!

The first number of Mr. Benson J. Lossing's *Pictorial Historical Magazine* has come to hand. It is devoted entirely to historical information and to notes and queries concerning American history, biography and antiquities. It contains also the new feature of autographs and illustrations. It is published by Chase & Tewksbe, Philadelphia, and promises to be a very valuable and excellent periodical.

The *Little Corporal* for January is as usual full of interesting matter for the young folks, but all of them, we fancy, will miss the familiar figure of the little fellow who used to appear on the cover. He has given way to a very peaceful children par half so sprightly as he was.

Among miscellaneous magazines which we have received are *Our Monthly*, filled with religious articles; *The Phrenological Journal*; the *Christian Magazine*; *Goodwords* and *Good-words for the Young*; and *As the Crow Flies*, a Christian magazine, poetical; full of delightful stories, by Jean Ingelow.

The Boston correspondent of the New York *Evening Post* says: "The half dozen journalists who have banded together for the purpose of bringing out a Christmas story-box, about which I wrote you some time since, have now matured their plans. They will not issue their work at once in book form, but will first publish it in a double Christmas supplement of the *Journal* newspaper of this city, having probably made a bargain to that effect with the publishers. It is to be called "Bohemian Affoat: A Christmas Round at Sea," and the contents will be: Introduction to Under Difficulties; The Actor's Story, by Charles E. Hunt; London to Chicago; The Dolphin Snaked, by John Boyle O'Reilly; Retrospection; A Rival to the Rescue, by J. Hilary Skinner; Arizona; Tacbucket, by Edward P. Mitchell; Going-A-Sleighing, by Edward King; Harbor Christmas, Mr. Hurd and Mr. King are connected with the Boston *Journal*; Mr. O'Reilly with the *Pilot*; Mr. Skinner with the London *Daily News*; and Mr. Mitchell with the Boston *Advertiser*. Who contributes the poem, which is to appear, as above arranged, between the stories, I do not know. No doubt about it, this effort will be creditable. Each one of the writers has talent of some sort, and three at least have had experience in sea-work."

In a late number of the London *Contemporary Review*, Professor Huxley, apropos of the subject of "Mr. Darwin's Critics," takes for the purposes of J. H. Stirling, the author of the "Secret of Hegel." The physics and metaphysics of the latter are alike absurd and fallacious. Mr. Stirling is the defender of "The Physical Basis of Life."

Fraser's Magazine, edited by James Anthony Froude, historian and essayist, is engaged in publishing as a serial a defense of "Mary, Queen of Scots," from the imputations cast upon her character by all the Protestant historians for the purpose of prejudice, and by none more persistently than Mr. Froude.

The next (February) number of *The Galaxy* will contain an article by Junius Henri Browne on the "Blessing of Sudden Death."

Literary Miscellany.

Wilkie Collins' "Poor Miss Finch" will shortly be published in a complete form.

—Darley's outline illustrations of Judd's "Margaret" are worthy of print, will soon be published by Widdleton.

—Samuel Smiles, author of "Self-Help," has in press a book of similar character, entitled "Character."

—Arthur Helps will shortly publish his "Thoughts Upon Government."

—A daughter of the poet Schiller is still alive, and is married to the Count Von Gleichen.

—Free Masonry crops out in abundant literature nowadays. France has seventeen Masonic periodicals and Germany has no less than thirty-nine.

—The first London edition of Miss Kate Field's "Pen Photographs of Dickens' Readings" is already exhausted.

—The first edition of William Ellery Channing's "Wanderer" has been sold, which is a great success for a poem of such a character.

—A new book by "Shirley Dare," to include some hitherto unpublished pieces, is in press in London.

—General Joseph E. Johnston, it is said, is still at work on the history of his own campaigns in the war of secession.

—George Eliot's new novel will be called "A Story of Provincial English Life," and it will appear in eight monthly parts in London, also in *Harper's Weekly*.

—There will soon be published a volume of the novelist Balzac's correspondence, never before printed, to embrace his "Letters to Louise," his sister.

—A new novel by Melville (not Herman, but G. J. W.) opens in this attractive way: "Dark and stormy in their weird gloom below the sad brows of the Queen of Hell."

—Elder Orson, an organ of the Mormons in Switzerland, will repeat next year, with editor of this monthly, which has been extant now three years, in the Mormon emigrary, M. Edward Schonfeld, a German.

—It is said that Empress Eugenie has put to publish a life of Mary, Queen of Scots. As this royal writing is usually done through an "amanuensis," who furnishes the thoughts as well as the chirography, there is not likely to be much of interest about the book.

—George Sand, she wrote "Elle et Lui," in several characterization of Alfred de Musset, her former lover, has recently been regretfully endeavoring to suppress the book by buying up and destroying all the copies that could be found in France.

—Beslant's "Illustrations of Madness," published in 1830, furnished to Charles Reade the curious medley of the delusions of a lunatic, supposed to be noted down by Sir Charles Bassett in the madhouse, in "A Terrible Temptation."

—Max Muller's publication of the "Hymns of the Rig-Veda" (original Sanscrit text, in quarto, of which four volumes were issued some years since, is to be completed by the publication of the fifth and sixth volumes, early next year.

—Lord Beaconsfield (Disraeli), withdrawn the libel suit he institute against Louisa Muhlbach, the German novelist. She proved to him that the portrait she had drawn of Madame Beaconsfield (and which forms the grounds of the offence) was done in good faith, and without malice.

—The Lathrop family are all scattered. Julian Hawthorne the novelist's eldest son, whose contributions to the magazines have recently been received with favor, is residing at New Orleans. In the employ of a civil engineer. The two remaining daughters have left Concord, the scene of "Mosses from an Old House," and Miss Rose Hawthorne, the younger, has recently been married.

—Horatio L. Alger, daughter of the Rev. William R. Alger, who has but recently returned from Europe, it will be remembered, sorely afflicted with illness, has just appeared among the authoress of books for children in the holiday week of Robert Schumann, and so we has she done her work that the book is having an excellent sale. Miss Alger is a Lowell girl, and in a way do something worthy before long with her own pen.

—The Rutherford *Morning Review*, in a notice of recent American literature, says that although "there is no department of literature or science in which Americans themselves would question the superiority of their own," yet "the public documents of the States are of far more varied and general value and interest than our own. It goes on to say that American thoroughness and mastery in geographical science, upon which, it says, our authors "have written much and carefully."

—Among the January books to be published by Scribner, Welford & Armstrong, "Stories of Ancient Art," or at least, three of the four volumes, translated by G. Henry Lodge; James T. Field's "Yesterdays with Authors," Emerson's "Parnassus," and "Recollections of Dickens, Hawthorne, Miss Mitford and others, which have appeared in the *Atlantic* and *Scribner*, and which have created such a furor in the newspapers; Mrs. Helen Hunt's "Bits of Travel," Clarence King's "Mountaineering in the Sierra Nevada," and the new edition, now in press, of Longfellow's poems, to which, on the death, of the late George Tucknor's "History of Spanish Literature."

—Mr. Hamerton has been not on foot for the restoration of the Strasburg Library, and an honorary committee formed, under the authority of Count Bismark Bohlen, the German Governor of Alsace, to receive offerings as may be made in America toward the restoration of that only one of the oldest libraries in Europe, which, also one of the most ancient cradles of literature. The committee include Prof. Noah Porter, President of Yale College; Prof. Joseph Henry, Smithsonian Institute; Richard Cullen Smith, editor New York *Evening Post*; A. R. Spofford, Esq., Librarian of Congress; Edwin L. Godkin, Esq., Editor of the *Nation*; John F. Appleton Esq. (Messrs. D. Appleton & Co., N. Y.); Andrew C. Armstrong, Esq. (Messrs. Chas. Scribner & Co., N. Y.); Melancthon Woolsey Stryker, Esq. (Messrs. Hurd & Houghton, N. Y.); G. W. Childs, Esq., proprietor of *Public Ledger*, Philadelphia; J. B. Lippincott, Esq. (Messrs. J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia); E. Steiger, Esq., New York; Michael J. Kelly, Esq. (Messrs. Kelly, Piet & Co., Baltimore); James T. Fields (Messrs. J. R. Osgood & Co., Boston); Augustus Flagg, Esq. (Messrs. Little, Brown & Co., Boston); S. G. Griggs, Esq. (Messrs. S. G. Griggs & Co., Chicago); Robert Clark, Esq. (Messrs. R. Clark & Co., Cincinnati); Colonel M. Richards Muckle, Ledger Building, 600 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. Contributions are invited to present copies of their works, and publishers' selections from their lists. Reports of learned, and reprints of publishing societies, and publications from libraries, will be welcome. Books and packages should be sent, and all communications addressed to Colonel Richards Muckle, Public Ledger Building, 600 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. Packages may also besent to Mr. E. Steiger, 22 Frankfort street, New York.

ADDRESS TO THE NEW YEAR.

Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Two,
Dear good fellow, how do you do?
I'm glad that you have come to light,
With Great Eastern, and Pullman bright.
So warmly clad in cloak and furs,
And having on your boots and spurs,
Prepared to ride a hobby saddle
Upon your steed, with whip and bound,
Full Seventy-One, whom you dismiss,
I hope you'll be a better fellow.
Deep in the grave of former years.
No need to look on those sad tears.
Like you he came in, bright and fair
With promise great of blessings rare.
How few deserved both young and old,
Should be, to you, by some one told,
To listen to me, if you have time,
While I relate some coming crime.

The rivers, flowing to the main,
He bound down with an icy chain.
The placid shores of lake and sea,
He loaded with their treasures free.
The Earth's sweet face, before so green,
He hid away from being seen.
He sighed with bitter cold while snow
With driving winds that furiously blow,
Living the air with power to chase
Men's face and ears with pinching grasp;
And, when they shook and writhed with pain,
Yet, I know him in the winds again,
Laughing loud with fiendish joy
That he could torture and annoy.
But, when he found his power failed
The Earth unclaimed in Winter's cold,
He then, called to joyous Spring,
Who came, and, with her kind hands ag,
Spread flowers and dancing zephyrs round,
And charmed with melodious sound,
The Old Year looked and knew he had
Some way to pain the human mind;
He couldn't check the voice of joy,
And not throw in some sad alloy;
He sought Disease's darksome den,
And from that place drew forth to kill of men.
He sent, to ravage Asia's plains,
Cholera, with her gripping pains,
With deadliness of touch unequaled hung
Sin spread and havoc through the land,
Fever yellow with jaundiced eye,
Like vulture foul from out the sky,
With unclean touch and poisoned breath,
Said to them victims low in death.
Small-Pox the arch-friend of them all,
Spread over cities the darkest pall.
Scarlet fever, next of her victims takes,
Her imprints cause the heart to ache
At seeing scarce a single trace
Of former beauty's charming grace.
Gaunt Famine, haggard in her mien,
Walking the Earth, as also seen,
Disease victims, dragging out their breath,
Wasted and was lay low in death.
On Persia's realms did cause
Appealing to the world for aid.
Of India's sultry plains, as well,
Her victims said to tell.
Earthquakes and floods have shown their power,
And hosts have fallen in an hour.
Thundering rage, with lightning speed,
Have also added their sad need.
Of cyclones, hail and gaping wounds;
And sighs, and tears and doleful sounds.
Red Murder, stained with human gore,
Has caused life's blood to flow before;
With bloody dirk and pistol ball,
Many a victim has caused to fall;
Compelled the grass to drink its fill
Of guiltless blood he laved to spill.
Robberies, cheats, and petty thefts,
Beyond their genus, leave off effects.
Lust, with all its seductive arts,
Has broken into ten thousand hearts.
Vice, dazzling forth its gaudy show,
Has wrought out much of human woe.
Hate, worst of all, never ruging fires
Have swept off hopes and great desires.
Our prairies vast and forest green,
Whereon a nation were lately seen;
Are, nothing on its billows vast,
Unless said to suffer woe and pain.
With sudden fury nations, in the breath,
And hold a thousands low in death.
But all these things I thus far told,
Are tinsel as compared with gold,
In view of one I shall relate,
Secret in working of its weight.
On Michigan's low shore there stands
A city known in foreign lands.
Erected on the prairie plain,
So vast its wealth from golden grain.
Which it rears with manful toil,
Since with almost universal grace.
While structures vast, o'ertopping, stood,
Like grand oaks in forest-wood,
And avenues, both smooth and wide,
Extended through from side to side,
Sublime the sight to stranger's gaze
Who stood and looked with great amaze,
And oft was heard to loud proclaim
"I'll be exceeds its wondrous fame."
Few years have rolled their circles round
Before it's size and wealth were found!
But Conflagration, unable to control,
To build an emporium on the waste,
Since, destroyed the entire of the plain,
Leaving nothing but ashes and ruin,
Its chain of lakes is not outdone,
On whose expanse might easily ride
The sails of fleets, with under-current wide,
Westward, stretching toward the night;
Say pleasure boats, or to the right,
Where Fleets rest, in Nature's sweet,
On Toil her bountiful gifts to shower,
The seats of Labor thus were spread
Over His realm, late so dead.
And iron hands, the engine's track,

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.
GREAT WESTERN
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A meeting of the Chicago stockholders of the Great Western Ins. Co. will be held in the Sherman House Parlors, on the first WEDNESDAY of January (Jan. 3), at 1 o'clock p. m., for the selection of directors and other business, pursuant to an adjournment of the regular annual meeting of city stockholders, held at their office, Dec. 20.
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